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LOK SABHA

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BUDGETORY ALLOCATION FROM MINISTRIES /DEPTTS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the Ministries/Departments/have strictly complied with 10 per cent budgetary allocation in the North Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether there are instances wherein a part of the 10 per cent budgetary allocations for North Eastern Region is spent on projects undertaken elsewhere; and

(e) if so, details thereof for the last three years, year-wise Ministry-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM):

(a) to (c) A statement giving Ministry/Department-wise details of the lumpsum provision made during BE 2005-06 for projects/ schemes for the benefit of North Eastern Areas and Sikkim is enclosed.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

In the case of Ministry of Civil Aviation, Ministry of Mines, Department of Posts, Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Tribal Affairs and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports there is under-provisioning/non-provisioning of 10 per cent of their Plan Budget for NER in BE-2005-06. The Ministry of Civil Aviation have made provision for NER after excluding the provision of Rs. 325 crore for the acquisition of aircraft by Indian Airlines (IA) as aircraft to be acquired by IA would also be deployed in NE region. In respect of Department of Wines, loss making PSUs and others who have no activity in NER and Sikkim have been exempted from earmarking 10% by the Planning Commission. In respect of Department of Posts, less than 10% of total Plan outlay for NER has been made because computerization is the focus of their Plan programme and the major post offices and administrative offices in NER have already been covered in the previous years. In respect of Telecommunications, a substantial investment is being made by BSNL for telecom facilities in NE

Region. Further, the Plan Budget of the Department of Telecommunications is for funding the schemes of ITI, C-DOT, TEC, TRAI, TD-SAT and WPC/WMO which are not directly relevant to NE Region. In respect of Ministry of Triba! Affairs the provision of Rs. 39 crore for NER has been made after excluding the provision of Rs. 10 crore meant for Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd. (TRIFED), as approved by the Planning Commission. In respect of Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports the 10% lumpsum provision for NER has been arrived at after excluding the provision of Rs. 45.50 crore meant for Commonwealth Games 2010.